



URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CROMPTON.

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INTERIM ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

For the year ended  
1944.

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URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT OF CROMPTON  
Lancashire.

For the Year ending December 31st, 1944.

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To the Chairman and Members of the  
Crompton Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Interim Annual Report  
for the Year ending December 31st, 1944.

I desire to take this opportunity of expressing my  
appreciation of the support of the Members of the Health  
Committee throughout the year, and the help and assistance  
of the Sanitary Inspector and the Town Hall Staff.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

H. BOARDMAN.

Acting M.O.H.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

1.- H. Boardman, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.,  
Medical Officer of Health.

2.- FRANK TAYLOR, Cert. R.S.I., Sanitary Officer.  
(Whole Time).

Area of the District.-	2865 Acres.
Population - Mid. 1944.-	11850.
Number of inhabited houses 1931.-	3,985.
" " " " 1944.-	4,121.
Number of families or separate Occupiers Census 1931. )	3,960.
Rateable Value.-	£66,792.
Sum of a penny rate.	£259.

### GENERAL OBSERVATIONS.

#### HOUSING:→

During the year no new houses were erected.

The total number of houses erected since the survey of 1919, viz:-

By the Council (Housing Act 1919)	80
" ( " " 1924)	206
" ( " " 1936)	185
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	471
By Private Enterprise.	254
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Total.	<u>725</u>

## LABORATORY WORK:-

### BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS.

	<u>Posi-</u> <u>tive.</u>	<u>Nega-</u> <u>tive.</u>	<u>Satis-</u> <u>factory.</u>	<u>Not Satis-</u> <u>factory.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Diphtheria.	4	13	-	-	17
Milk. Bovine T.B.	3	30	-	-	33
Milk. Bacteria.	-	-	16	2	18
Milk. Methylene Blue.	-	-	14	4	18

Diphtheria Serum (8,000 units) is kept at the Town Hall, Shaw, and supplied gratuitously to medical men upon request.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES:-

### ISOLATION HOSPITALS.

- 1.- Chadderton, Royton, and Crompton (Joint). Cinder Hill, Royton. For Smallpox only.
- 2.- Oldham Corporation Hospital; Westhulme, Oldham. Rochdale Corporation, Marland, Rochdale, and the Littleborough, Wardle and Milnrow Joint Hospital.
- 3.- Boundary Park Municipal Hospital, Oldham.

### SANATORIA AND TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITALS.

The various Sanatoria and Hospitals under the Lancashire County Council are available for the District but are not provided nor subsidised by the Local Authority.

### HOSPITALS.

- 1.- Oldham Royal Infirmary.
- 2.- Oldham Poor Law Hospital.
- 3.- Several Manchester Hospitals.

There is no institutional provision for unmarried mothers, illegitimate children, and homeless children, except the Oldham Poor Law Hospital.



CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING  
THE YEAR 1944.

Notifiable Diseases.	Number of Cases Notified.													Total cases removed to Hospital.	Deaths in Hospital of patients removed from the District.
	At Ages - Years.														
	At all ages.	Under 1	1 to 2	2 to 3	3 to 4	4 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 65	65 upwards.		
Scarlet Fever.	62		1	3	2	5	31	13	1	5	-	1		46	-
Diphtheria.	6				1		1		1	2	1			6	1
Chickenpox.	172	7	16	16	10	29	86	4	3	1				-	-
Measles.	72	4	12	13	6	15	20	-	1			1		-	-
Erysipelas.	1											1		1	-
Pneumonia.	1									1				-	-
Whooping Cough.	20	2	5	2	3	3	5							-	-
Typhoid Fever.	1		1											1	-
Cerebro Spinal Fever.	2									1		1		2	-
Dysentery.	1						1							1	-
Totals.	338	13	35	34	22	52	144	17	6	10	1	4	-	57	1

# TUBERCULOSIS.

New Cases and Mortality during 1944.

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 - 1								
1 - 5								
5 - 10								
10 - 15								
15 - 20								
20 - 25	1	1						
25 - 35		1						
35 - 45								
45 - 55	1				1			
55 - 65					1			
65 and upwards.	1	1			2		1	
	3	3	-	-	4	-	1	-
	6		-		4		1	

Non-notified Tuberculosis Deaths, - Nil.  
The notification of Tuberculosis in this District is very satisfactory.

## DEATHS.

Causes of Death in Crompton during 1944.

Name of Disease.	No. of Deaths.	
	Males.	Females.
Tuberculosis. Pulmonary.	4	-
do. Other Forms.	1	-
Influenza,	-	-
Whooping Cough.	-	-
Acute Infantile Encephalitis.	-	-
Diarrhoea (Under 2 years).	1	1
Cerebro Spinal Fever.	1	-
Syphilitic Disease.	1	-
Diphtheria,	1	-

Name of Disease.	No. of Deaths.	
	Males.	Females.
Cancer.	9	12
Diabetes.	1	1
Cerebral Haemorrhage etc.	11	15
Heart Disease.	19	18
Other Circulatory Diseases.	4	3
Bronchitis.	10	8
Pneumonia(all forms).	3	5
Other Respiratory Diseases.	4	-
Digestive Diseases.	-	2
Nephritis.	-	2
Maternal Causes.	-	-
Other Maternal Causes.	-	1
Premature Birth, etc.	1	3
Suicide.	1	1
Road Traffic Accidents.	3	-
Other violent causes.	2	1
All other causes.	9	8
Totals - all causes.	86	81

INFANTILE DEATHS AND CAUSES (UNDER ONE YEAR).

Causes of Death.	Under 1 week.	1 and under 2 weeks.	2 and under 3 weeks.	3 and under 4 weeks.	Total under 4 weeks.	1 and under 3 months.	3 and under 6 months.	6 and under 9 months.	9 and under 12 months.	Total Deaths under 1 year.
Bronchitis.										
Pneumonia (All Forms).				1	1	1	2			4
Atelectasis.										
Asphyxia at Birth.										
Congenital Debility.)	4				4					4
Premature Birth.)										
Malformations, etc.						2				2
Gastro Enteritis.										
Other causes.										
	4	-	-	1	5	3	2	-	-	10



SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES  
IN CROMPTON:-

WATER.

The water supply of this District is very good and is derived from the Oldham Corporation Reservoirs.

A few farms and houses in the outlying districts are supplied from wells and springs.

SCAVENGING.

All household refuse is collected once every 9 or 10 days by two motors owned by the Council and is disposed of by incineration and tipping at the Destructor.

157 barrles of nightsoil were tipped into the sewer at Jubilee.

REFUSE DESTROYER.

The plant comprises three cells made by Dawson & Mansfield.

2364 loads of household refuse were disposed of by burning or being tipped.

Baling presses for reducing the bulk of tins, scrap iron, paper etc., are in use.

During the year Salvage was collected as per statement below:-

	<u>Collected 1944.</u>			<u>Value.</u>		
	Tons.	Cwts.	Lbs.	£.	s.	d.
Mixed paper etc.	37	2	56	236	13	5
Baled Scrap tins.	32	5	84	51	10	6
Glass, bottles & Jars.	2	2	28	1	16	9
Scrap Iron.	6	8	28	16	8	9
Non-Ferrous Metal.		5	32	6	9	11
Bones.	2	1	56	9	17	1
Rags, Old Carpets.	1	3	73	18	6	10
Rubber.						
Kitchen Waste.	173	10	84	266	12	2
1944. Total.	254	19	105	607	15	5
1943. Total.	357	7	8	947	2	11

## DISINFESTATION AND DISINFECTION.

2 houses were treated for vermin at the request of the owner or occupier, a charge being made in each case.

After Infectious Disease infected rooms are sprayed with formaldehyde and afterwards fumigated with formalin lamps.

73 houses were disinfected during the year.

All bedding and infected articles are subjected to steam at the Disinfecting Station or immersed in liquid disinfectant.

### STATEMENT AS TO HOUSES ETC. IN THE DISTRICT AND THEIR SANITARY CONDITION.

								1944.
No. of	Houses, Shops, etc...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4121
"	Factories, Workshops, Lock-up Shops, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	350
"	Houses without back door...	...	...	...	...	...	...	142
"	Houses back-to-back..	...	...	...	...	...	...	55
"	Pail Closets...	...	...	...	...	...	...	124
"	Water Closets..	...	...	...	...	...	...	4194
"	Waste Water Closets..	...	...	...	...	...	...	244
"	Open Ashpits...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
"	Ashbins..	...	...	...	...	...	...	4000
"	Privies (not Privy Middens)	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
"	Cesspools.	...	...	...	...	...	...	2

### SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT.

No. of	premises inspected on complaints, etc..	...	...	...	...	...	...	154
"	Inspections of Factories...	...	...	...	...	...	...	61
"	" " Workshops and Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
"	" " Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops	...	...	...	...	...	...	91
"	" " Slaughterhouses...	...	...	...	...	...	...	129
"	" " Meat Shops..	...	...	...	...	...	...	572
"	" " Fish, Fruit and Vegetables etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	101
"	" " Chip Shops..	...	...	...	...	...	...	28
"	" " Common Lodging Houses...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
"	" " Houses Let in Lodgings..	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
"	visits paid to Market.	...	...	...	...	...	...	52
"	" " Houses under the Housing and Public Health Act.	...	...	...	...	...	...	320
"	Inspections as to Drainage.	...	...	...	...	...	...	61
"	" " Stables and Manure Heaps...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
"	" " Caravans and Van Dwellers..	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
"	" " Tips...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
"	" " Pig Sties	...	...	...	...	...	...	33
"	" " Water Supply.	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
	Preliminary Notices...	...	...	...	...	...	...	247
	Statutory Notices	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
	Nuisances or Defects discovered...	...	...	...	...	...	...	309
"	" " remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	278



### FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

There are 93 premises which come under this designation. During the year 61 inspections were made. All the premises were found to be in a satisfactory condition.

### COMMON LODGING HOUSES, ETC.

There are 2 houses of this type, 1 is used as Weekly Lodgings, 1 as a Common Lodging House.

They were inspected and found to be in a fairly clean and satisfactory condition.

### SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

There are now 8 private slaughter houses in the District.

Slaughterhouses are licensed annually. The premises are visited at irregular intervals.

Slaughtering of animals is not permitted at present.

### DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS.

The following are registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1926.

Dairy Farms and Producer Retailers...	...	...	...	38
Local Dairymen...	...	...	...	1
Farmers and Dairy Men from adjoining Districts...	...	...	...	
retailing Milk in Crompton...	...	...	...	14

During the year 91 visits were made to the Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops within the District.

### BAKEHOUSES.

There are 27 Bakehouses on the Register. During the year 54 inspections were made. They were all found to be in a clean and satisfactory condition.

### INSPECTION OF FOOD.

During the year 975 visits were made to shops and food stores.

Premises were found to be in a satisfactory condition.

The following food, mostly canned goods, found to be unfit for human consumption:-

Meat 337 lbs.	Fish 117 lbs.	Milk 83 lbs.
Vegetables 226 lbs.	Pickles 17 lbs.	Jam & Fruit 160 lbs.
Pudding Mixture 154 lbs.		

MILK.

Summary of Milk Examinations during 1944.

Sample No.	Cultivation of Bacteria at 37° in 48 hrs. per 1.c.c.	Bacillus Coli present in.			Tubercle Bacilli.
		1.0cc.	0.1cc. of 3 tubes.	0.1cc. of 3 tubes.	
483	Satisfactory. A.	S	S	S	None found.
4	do. A.	S	S	S	do.
5	5,600.	-	-	-	do.
6	49,000	1	1	-	do.
7	11,900	-	1	-	do.
8	11,600	-	-	-	do.
9	480,000	1	1	-	do.
490	43,000 *	1	-	-	Not examined.
1	1,950	-	-	-	None found.
2	32,000	1	1	-	do.
3	Satisfactory. A.	S	S	S	do.
4	do. A.	S	S	S	do.
5	do.	+	+	3	do.
6	do.	S	S	S	do.
7	do.	S	S	S	do.
8	do. *	S	S	S	do.
9	do.	S	S	S	do.
500	do. *	S	S	S	T.B. FOUND.
1	Not Satisfactory.	+	+	3	None found.
2	do.	+	-	3	do.
3	Satisfactory.	S	S	S	T.B. FOUND.
4	Not Satisfactory.	+	+	3	None found.
5	do. *	+	+	3	T.B. FOUND.
6	Satisfactory.	S	S	S	None found.
7	32,000	1	1	-	do.
8	10,000	-	-	-	Not examined.
9	8,900	-	1	-	None found.
510	3,000	+	1	-	do.
1	13,000	1	3	2	Not examined.
2	540	1	1	-	None found.
3	Satisfactory. A.	S	S	S	do.
4	do. A.	S	S	S	do.
5	17,700	1	-	-	do.
6	15,500	-	-	-	do.
7	78,000	1	2	-	do.
8	11,400	-	-	-	do.

\* Out District Supply.

A Accredited Milk.

Action is taken to improve the milk when necessary.

All farmers are supplied with a copy of the Examination Certificate with suggestions typed at the foot.